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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-28 are pending in this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 14-15, 20-21 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak (Pub. No.: US 2002/0104099 A1) in view of Ellis et al. (hereinafter "Ellis", US 6,774,926 B1).

As per claim 1, Novak discloses a method of publishing media data, comprising:

accessing a media interface of a media device (Novak, page 6, [0061]-[0062]);

capturing media data using a media capture component of said media device (Novak, page 3, [0039], "web camera video clips", a web camera is a media capture device);

storing said captured media data in a media file in storage of said media device (Novak, page 3, [0039]);

publishing said media data to a network server (Novak, page 2, [0025]-[0026]);

wherein said capturing, and publishing are performed using said media interface (Novak, page 6, [0061]-[0062]).

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Novak does not explicitly disclose modifying said captured media data. Ellis teaches modifying said captured media data (Ellis, Fig. 15, element 216 & 218, col. 12, lines 19-25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the media publishing system of Novak by incorporating a media editing component as disclosed by Ellis (Ellis, Fig. 15, element 216 & 218, col. 12, lines 19-25). The motivation being to allow a user to edit the captured raw multimedia data into better image/sound/resolution. This provides the viewer with better experience when viewing the multimedia.

As per claim 2, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 1, and further teach said capturing, modifying, and publishing are performed using an instant publish command of said media interface (Novak, page 6, [0061]-[0062]).

As per claim 6, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 1, and further teach said modifying includes editing said captured media data using one or more editing commands within said media interface (Ellis, Fig. 15, element 216 & 218, col. 12, lines 19-25).

As per claim 7, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 6, and further teach said editing includes changing an image represented by said media data (Ellis, Fig. 15, element 216 & 218, col. 12, lines 19-25).

Claims 14-15 are rejected on grounds corresponding to the reasons given above for claims 1-2.

As per claim 20, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 14, and further teach a remote command interface for receiving and processing remote commands (Novak, page 3, [0032]).

As per claim 21, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 20, and further teach said remote command interface provides a remote instant publish command (Novak, page 3, [0032]).

As per claim 23, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 14, and further teach one of said one or more editing commands provides for modifying an image represented by media data captured by said media capture component (Ellis, Fig. 15, element 216 & 218, col. 12, lines 19-25).

As per claim 24, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 14, and further teach said media device is a mobile telephone (Ellis, col. 3, lines 58-61).

Claims 25-28 are rejected on grounds corresponding to the reasons given above for claims 1-2.

4. Claims 3-5, 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak (Pub. No.: US 2002/0104099 A1) in view of Ellis et al. (hereinafter "Ellis", US 6,774,926 B1) and further in view of Pineau (Pub. No.: US 2003/0184793 A1).

As per claim 3, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 2, except for explicitly disclosing said instant publish command is accessed through a single operation of said media device. Pineau teaches said instant publish command is accessed through a single operation of said media device (Pineau, page 3, [0031]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

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modify the Novak and Ellis' combined media publishing system by using a single publish command as disclosed by Pineau (Pineau, page 3, [0031]). The motivation being to provide an easy operation for the user for publishing the media by using a single publish command.

As per claim 4, Novak, Ellis and Pineau teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 3, and further teach said single operation is pushing one button on said mobile device (Pineau, page 3, [0031]).

As per claim 5, Novak, Ellis and Pineau teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 3, and further teach said single operation is pushing one button on said mobile device (Pineau, page 3, [0031]).

Claims 16-17 are rejected on grounds corresponding to the reasons given above for claims 3-5.

As per claim 18, Novak, Ellis and Pineau teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 15, and further teach said instant publish command causes said media device to capture media data, modify said captured media data, and publish said modified media data (Pineau, page 3, [0031]).

As per claim 19, Novak, Ellis and Pineau teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 18, and further teach said instant publish command causes said mobile device to modify said captured media device according to configuration settings set through said media interface (Pineau, page 3, [0031]).

5. Claims 8-12 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak (Pub. No.: US 2002/0104099 A1) in view of Ellis et al. (hereinafter "Ellis", US 6,774,926

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B1) and further in view of Toyama et al. (hereinafter “Toyama”, Pub. No.: US 2004/0070678 A1).

As per claim 8, Novak and Ellis teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 1, except for explicitly disclosing said modifying includes adding metadata to said captured media data. Toyama teaches said modifying includes adding metadata to said captured media data (Toyama, page 3, [0022]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Novak and Ellis’ combined media publishing system by adding metadata to said captured media data as disclosed by Toyama (Toyama, page 3, [0022]). The motivation being to provide metadata information to identify the media data.

As per claim 9, Novak, Ellis and Toyama teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 8, and further teach said metadata includes user metadata defined by a user of said media device (Toyama, page 3, [0022]).

As per claim 10, Novak, Ellis and Toyama teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 9, and further teach said user metadata includes author information (Toyama, page 3, [0022]).

As per claim 11, Novak, Ellis and Toyama teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 8, and further teach said metadata includes automatic metadata generated by said mobile device (Toyama, page 3, [0022]).

As per claim 12, Novak, Ellis and Toyama teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 11, and further teach said automatic metadata is generated when said media data is captured (Toyama, page 3, [0022], “creation date and time, location”).

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Claim 22 is rejected on grounds corresponding to the reasons given above for claim 8.

6. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak (Pub. No.: US 2002/0104099 A1) in view of Ellis et al. (hereinafter "Ellis", US 6,774,926 B1) in view of Toyama et al. (hereinafter "Toyama", Pub. No.: US 2004/0070678 A1) and further in view of Fernandez (Pub. No.: US 2004/0260669 A1).

As per claim 13, Novak, Ellis and Toyama teach all the claimed subject matters as discussed in claim 11, except for explicitly disclosing said automatic metadata includes biometric information for the user of said mobile device. Fernandez teaches said automatic metadata includes biometric information for the user of said mobile device (Fernandez, page 1, [0018]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Novak, Ellis and Toyama's combined media publishing system by incorporating a biometric information as disclosed by (Fernandez, page 1, [0018]). The motivation being to provide biometric information for the security of the system and data.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Moynihan (Pub. No.: US 2002/0056119 A1) discloses a personal video channel system.

Stone et al. (Pub. No. : US 2003/0046240 A1) disclose a material distribution apparatus.

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